Commission servers/bearers

*535. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether commission servers/bearers in the catering wing of commercial department of Southern Railway were later named as salary bearers/servers with scale of pay 775-1050 and were later regularized as service/bearers;

(b) if so, whether the period of above employees served as commission servers/bearers and salary bearers/servers was considered for service benefits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The commission bearers/vendors were absorbed in the scale of Rs. 775-1025/-.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Special scheme for providing foodgrains in Sikkim

*536. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any special scheme for providing foodgrains and other essential items to the poor tribal and non-tribal people living below poverty line in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schemes being run by Government presently for these tribal groups in the State?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Government of India is implementing the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in Sikkim. Under this scheme, the Government is providing foodgrains to all people living below poverty line (BPL) in Sikkim including both tribal and non-tribal people. At present, the number of families under the BPL category

in Sikkim is 0.43 lakhs, for which foodgrains @ 35 kg per family per month are being allocated under TPDS. Besides TPDS, foodgrains are also being allocated to the State of Sikkim under various welfare schemes such as Supply of Foodgrains to Hosters/Welfare Institutions, Annapurna Scheme, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Nutritional Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG), Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and Village Grain Bank Scheme.

ln view of the above on-going schemes in operation in Sikkim, which cater to the needs of both tribal and non-tribal people, living below poverty line, along with other categories, the Government does not propose to formulate any special scheme for Sikkim for providing foodgrains and other essential items.

Plan to combat cancer

*537. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Director, International Agency for Research on Cancer, cancer cases are expected to double by 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor so far as our country is concerned; and

(c) the action plan to combat the causes of cancer?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. JBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has stated that the number of diagnosed cancer cases will be more than double between 2000—2030. In 2000, there were 11 million new cases of cancer diagnosed world wide, 7 million deaths from cancer and 25 million people living with cancer. By 2030, the agency expects that 27 million people will be diagnosed with the disease annually, 17 million will die from the disease and 75 million people will be living with cancer.

The data collected by Indian Council of Medical Research through Population Based Cancer Registry functioning under the National Cancer Control Programme, reveals that about 7-9 lakhs new cancer cases are detected every year and at any given point of time there are 2.25 million